

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-02-20**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 20, 2001
Business Meeting: February 20, 2001, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dennis).

1. D2000.10.176 – Energy West Montana – EWM gas tracker – Introduction, update and action on Interim Order and Stipulation, other matters (2/20/01)
2. D2000.8.124 – Touch America – Touch America, Qwest Arbitration – Discuss fact sheet (2/20/01)
3. D2000.7.103 – Energy Northwest Inc. – Application for a rate increase – Discussion of ENI's application for rate increase and possible action on order (2/20/01)

Legislative Meeting Daily as needed

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MDU Docket D98.1.14, Contract Service Rate 35 (Dave)

On February 6, 2001, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., filed an energy charge applicable under Contract Service Rate 35. The escalation adjustment is allowable under the Service Agreement, after the initial three-year term of the contract approved by the Commission on February 24, 1998 in Docket No. D98.1.14 (Order No. 6055). This adjustment is based on the change in the Producer Price Index (PPI) for Finished Goods. The PPI changed from 130.2 in January 1998 to 139.7 in December 2000. MDU has proposed an increase from 3.240¢ per Kwh to 3.476¢ per Kwh. MDU requests that this change become effective March 2, 2001 through March 1, 2002.

2. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2001.1.12 (Leroy)

On January 24, Qwest Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal 01-02 "Promotional Addendum for NONUTILITY Incentive - Access Line, Small Business Promotion". Customers who subscribe to additional flat-rates business lines and CustomChoice will receive a Call Waiting/Caller ID telephone set and customers who subscribe to additional flat rated business lines will receive a \$50.00 gift card. No Regulated charges are waived during this promotion. The limited time promotion is scheduled to run from February 20, 2001 through March 23, 2001.

3. AT&T COMMUNICATIONS, INC Docket N2001.1.13 (Leroy)

On January 24, 2001 AT&T Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 2001-01 modifying AT&T Commercial Long Distance Service Language to include service charges description and reference to AT&T Consumer Communications Services Tariff (S7)

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at

<http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. QWEST COMMUNICATION, INC. Docket N2001.2.20 (Scott)

On February 13, 2001 Qwest file tariff Transmittal 01-04. The purpose of this filing for Qwest is to :Introduces three new optional features for ISDN Primary Rate Service; 2B Channel Transfer, ISDN Calling Name Delivery (ICNAM), and ISDN Redirecting Number Delivery (RND). Introduce three new non-recurring charges associated with moving existing DS1 service onto an existing DS3 or moving it to a location. Introduce terms and conditions allowing the waiver of non-recurring charges when customers migrate from Analog PVX trunk, Digital Switched Service or Uniform Access Solution.

2. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2001.2.19 (Leroy)

On February 13, Qwest Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal 01-03 "UAS/DSS" Promotional offer. During the promotional period from March 12, 2001 through June 8, 2001, businesses subscribing to Advanced Digital Switched Services (DSS) or Uniform access Solution (UAS) will receive a waiver of the applicable non-recurring charges when entering into a 3 or 5 year Rate Stability Agreement. In addition, monthly recurring charges will be waived for one month when customers enter into a 3 year agreement or tow months when customers enter into a 5 year agreement. The waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period and installed by September 8, 2001. In addition, this waiver is available to current contract customers whose contract will expire on or before June 8, 2002, and who elect to renew their contract during the promotional period. This promotion is available only where it is technically feasible to provide service and where facilities are available during the promotional period.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-02-26

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2001.2.17 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – MDU Gas Tracker

D2001.2.18 – Qwest Corporation – Qwest/Emergent resale agreement

N2001.2.19 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 01-03 "UAS/DSS Promotional Offer"

N2001.2.20 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 01-04 "Enhancements to ISDN Primary Rate Service"